

University Faculty Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021

Noon- 1:15 PM

Via Zoom

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and Remarks from the President (Roellke)
2. Remarks from the Provost (Painter)
3. Triple Policy: Program Discontinuance, Program Initiation, Faculty Termination (*voting item*)
 - a) Moving from the October to November faculty meeting – Robert Rules (Jason Evans)
 - b) Discussion and Voting (Alan Green)

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM

President Roellke welcomed the faculty and expressed his genuine gratitude for all the hard work of the faculty. He highlighted key initiatives and events such as the \$15 million LaValle gift designated for scholarships for students in the Arts and Music and the Celebration of Life honoring Alexa Koch who recently passed and thanked everyone for their support. He noted that the focus today is on the consideration for approval of the Triple Policy as requested by Stetson faculty.

Provost Painter welcomed the faculty and expressed his appreciation of faculty's indulgence in unified efforts to do what we do every day for our students. He shared the following reminders:

- Alexa Koch Celebration of Life – Provost Painter thanked all who attended and showed their support for Alexa, her family, and the Stetson Community.
- School of Business Dean Search – Search Committee expects to have finalists selected by mid-December. Faculty reminded and expected to participate in the finalist campus visits. Provost Painter expressed his appreciation of the Search Committee's efforts and the great work they are doing to select the best candidate possible.

Provost Painter mentioned how much he enjoys logging in early to connect, engage, and personally welcome all faculty to meeting and loves the productive engagement and mutual respect with each other. He encourages faculty to set aside a few extra minutes prior to meeting start time to share in this personalized time together. He reminded faculty that the focus today is on the consideration for approval of the Triple Policy and asked that faculty show kindness and respect to one another as the discussion and voting takes place. He introduced Jason Evans who serves as the Parliamentarian for interpretation and application of the "Rules of Order" for meeting.

Triple Policy Discussion and Voting (Program Discontinuance, Program Initiation, Faculty Termination)

- a) Moving from the October to November faculty meeting - Jason Evans provided a brief overview and reminded faculty what his role on the Roberts Rules process is while discussion is taking place. He also reminded faculty the on 9/23/21, the Faculty Senate voted to send proposed policy to 10/15/21 faculty meeting. There was a robust discussion on Triple Policy and a strong, repeated request to vote immediately on the issue on hand. A motion was made by Michael McFarland and seconded by Susan Pepper-Bates. Jason introduced and handed the discussion floor to Alan Green, Chair of the Faculty Senate.
- b) Discussion and Voting - Dr. Alan Green, Chair of the Faculty Senate provided a review of the Triple Policy prior and opened the floor for faculty discussion. The chat was disabled throughout the discussion and attendance was verified by Debbi Dinkins for accurate record of

faculty votes. There are three policies requiring votes as follows:

- Program Discontinuation - A motion to vote to *postpone consideration of the proposal for program discontinuation* initiated a robust exchange of faculty votes and opinions. During the discussion, Dr. George Glander motioned to “Call the Question” seconded by Dr. Stuart Michelson. This calls for an immediate vote on the “Call the Question” motion.

After discussion, the motion was moved and seconded. Motion passes.

(Motion passed: 113 in favor; 22 against; 4 abstain)

A vote on motion to postpone consideration of the proposal for program discontinuation indefinitely passed: 71 in favor; 70 against; 3 abstain

After discussion, the motion was moved and seconded. Motion passes.

- Program Initiation Policy – motion passed to table voting on this policy until next meeting
- Faculty Termination Policy – motion passed to table voting on this policy until next meeting

In closing, President Roellke requested all votes to be verified by Debbi Dinkins due to close margin of votes and uncertainty around the impact of 3 abstention votes. Provost Painter mentioned that additional communication will be shared as it becomes available and thanked all faculty for their participation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.